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NEW POL PIPELINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A NEW TACTICAL POL PIPELINE EXTENDING SOUTH FROM POL E KHOMRI SOV DEPLOYMENT AREA [REDACTED] WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION [REDACTED]

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2. (SWN) REMARKS: NEW PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS IDENTIFIED AT POL E KHOMRI AND JABAL OS SARAJ. THE LOCATIONS OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION SUGGEST THAT THE PROBABLE ROUTE FOR THE NEW PIPELINE WILL EXTEND SOUTH FROM POL E KHOMRI THROUGH THE SALANG PASS TO THE KABUL-BAGRAM AREA (GRAPHIC 1). THE NEW SINGLE PIPELINE ORIGINATES AT THE POL STORAGE AREA AT POL E KHOMRI WHERE THE TWO EXISTING KHAIRABAD TO POL E KHOMRI POL PIPELINES TERMINATE. A SECOND SEGMENT OF THE NEW PIPELINE WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE ROAD NEXT TO JABAL OS SARAJ ARMY CAMP SOVIET (BE [REDACTED] AND STACKS OF POL PIPES WERE IN AN ADJACENT SMALL PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION CAMP (GRAPHIC 2).

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(SWN) THE NEW PIPELINE WILL POSSIBLY TERMINATE AT KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD [REDACTED] WHERE A NEW POL STORAGE FACILITY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WHEN COMPLETE, THE FACILITY WILL HAVE AN ESTIMATED CAPACITY OF 10 MILLION LITERS. CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PIPELINE APPEARS TO HAVE BEGUN AT POL E KHOMRI BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND AT JABAL OS SARAJ BETWEEN [REDACTED] STACKS OF PROBABLE PIPE WERE IDENTIFIED AT BOTH LOCATIONS IN EARLY AUGUST.

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(SWN) POL E KHOMRI SOV DEPLOYMENT AREA, THE MAIN SOVIET LOGISTICS CENTER IN AFGHANISTAN, IS APPROXIMATELY 100 NM SOUTHEAST OF KHAIRABAD. JABAL OS SARAJ IS APPROXIMATELY 105 NM SOUTH OF POL E KHOMRI AND 85 NORTH OF KABUL. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) BE NONE, COORDINATES 36-06-55N 069-13-00E (GRAPHIC 2)

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